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SUBJ CLC REACTION TO BACK-TO-WORK LEGISLATION

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

REF VANCOUVER 897

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1. PREDICTABLY CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS (CLC) TOOK ISSUE WITH B.C. ENACTED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTINUATION LAW CHARACTERIZING IT AS "DANGEROUS THREAT TO FUTURE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN THIS COUNTRY". CLC NOTED THAT SUCH LEGISLATION MAY SOLVE SHORT TERM PROBLEM IN SEVERAL CURRENT B.C. DISPUTES BUT IN LONG RUN "CONSTANT THREAT OF GOVERNMENT COERCION" MAY CAUSE PARTIES TO LOSE INCENTIVE TO BARGAIN CONSTRUCTIVELY "WAITING INSTEAD FOR GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE AND IMPOSE SETTLEMENT THAT MAY PROVE UNSATISFACTORY TO BOTH PARTIES". FURTHERMORE, CLC FEELS THAT SUCH LEGISLATION COULD CREATE STATE OF MIND THAT MAY LEAD TO MORE STRIKES THUS "CAUSING MORE PROBLEMS THAN IT CAN EVER CURE." END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. PRIVATELY CLC SOURCES ADMIT THAT BACK-TO-WORK LEGISLATION IN LARGE PART FAULT OF B.C. FEDERATION  
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OF LABOR DUE TO ITS STRAINTED RELATIONSHIP WITH

PREMIER BARRETT WHICH RESULTED IN VIRTUAL BREAKDOWN  
OF LIAISON AND COMMUNICATION. IN ISSUING STATEMENT  
CLC HEADQUARTERS DID WHAT IT FELT OBLIGED TO DO  
BY DEFENDING FREE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PRINCIPLE  
BUT AS ONE OFFICIAL PUT IT PRIVATELY "BARRETT DID  
WHAT HE HAD TO DO EVEN AT EXPENSE OF FURTHER ALIENATING  
NDP-FEDERATION OF LABOR RELATIONSHIP."  
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